REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 22. Thus, claim 14 and claims 15-21 dependent therefrom are considered to in allowable condition.

Claims 23-25 are also deemed to be allowable based on the points set forth in the Response filed July 14, 2006.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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